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The Examiner rejected claims 1-14 and 20-22 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Singh et al. (6,187,666).

The Examiner rejected claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hussein et al. (6,406,995)

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2-11 and 21 are allowable if rewritten in independent form. On July 10, 2006, Applicant telephoned Examiner Deo to confirm that the inclusion of the limitations of claim 2 into claim 1 would result in all pending claims being allowed. On July 11, 2006, Examiner Deo returned this phone call and confirmed that such an amendment would place the pending claims into condition for allowance. The Examiner is kindly thanked for the prompt response. Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 2, and thus Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

The Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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